GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under UN resolution 1373, every member country has to submit a report on where it stands domestically in the fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, whether India has reported to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (UNCTC) that it had to settle a few questions before it could develop a domestic legislation on terrorism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) On September 28, 2001, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1373, outlining comprehensive mandatory measures to combat terrorism. The Resolution requires all countries to submit a National Report to the Counter Terrorism Committee, set up under the Resolution, on the measures they have taken to implement the Resolution.

(b), (c) & (d) In compliance with the Resolution, India has submitted its National Report to theCounter Terrorism Committee. The report expalins that as a victim of terrorism, mainly from across its border, the Indian State and its people are cognizant of the consequences of and are sensitive to the need to strengthen measures to combat terrorism. A reference has been made in the report to the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance and it is stated that: `The POTO in its existing form or the Act, as adopted by the Indian Parliament, after due consideration, will be the comprehensive piece of legislation specifically to tackle terrorism`.